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LAND ACT REMEDIES.

THIS Bill is designed to remove difficulties which have become apparent in the working of "The Land Act, 1885."

Clause 3. As the Act now stands the holder of a perpetual lease of rural land under Part IV. may become the holder of a small grazing run under Part VII. ; but the holder of a small grazing run cannot obtain a lease of rural land for agricultural purposes. The clause is intended to remedy this inequality.

Clause 4. The object of this clause is to place the holders of perpetual leases on the goldfields on the same footing with lessees elsewhere, as to the right of purchase after six years' occupancy.

Clause 5 is framed so as to bring the declaration into conformity with the section to which it relates.

Clause 6 deals with the temporary occupancy of unused lands, for which the land Act does not make any provision.

Clause 7 provides for the more speedy settlement of lands which remain unsold.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to remedy Defects in "The Land Act, 1885," and otherwise to amend the same. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Land Act Remedies Act 1886." Short Title.

2. For the purposes of this Act the words "the said Act" shall mean "The Land Act, 1885." Interpretation.

3. The following proviso shall be read with and construed as part of section one hundred and forty of the said Act : Proviso to section 140.

Provided that the aforesaid limitation to six hundred and forty acres shall not apply to the holder or holders of small grazing runs under the provisions of Part VII.

4. The following words in the latter proviso to section one hundred and fifty shall be, and the same are hereby deleted and repealed :—" any goldfield, or mining, or gold-mining district, or " Amending section 150.

5. The following words shall be added to, and shall be read as part of, the fourth clause of the statutory declaration appended to section two hundred of the said Act :—" under which, together with the lease for which I am an applicant, I should become occupier of Crown lands in the colony exceeding in area six thousand acres." Amending section 200.

6. The Board may grant temporary licenses for the use of reserves or unoccupied lands, upon such terms and conditions as it may think fit ; but no such license shall be granted for a longer period than one year, and may be cancelled by the Board at any period of its currency if the conditions are not complied with. Temporary occupancy of reserves.

7. Subject to the conditions of the said Act, all surveyed unsold lands shall be open for selection and purchase at any time at the upset price placed thereon : Provided that, if two or more persons make application for the same land on the same day, such land shall be submitted to competition by auction as between the applicants only. Unsold lands may be selected.